

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY 2d ENGINEER BRIGADE 724 POSTAL SERVICE LOOP #5000 JOINT BASE ELMENDORF-RICHARDSON, ALASKA 99505-5000



REPLY TO ATTENTION OF

APVR-ENG-CO 26 September 2011

MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Policy Letter #21 (Prohibiting Use of Intoxicating Substances)

- 1. With the exception of a reasonable amount of alcohol consumed during non-duty hours, caffeine, tobacco or lawfully-used prescribed 2d Engineer Brigade. There are recent reports of military personnel within 2d Engineer Brigade using Salvia and the intoxicant "spice" inhaling household chemicals and other chemical inhalants, and abusing over-the counter medications for the purpose of becoming intoxicated or high, altering mood or function, or achieving a psychoactive effect. The abuse of these products by military members diminishes our ability to conduct the mission entrusted to us and threatens the welfare of service members.
- 2. Based on the significant risks to the health, welfare and good order and discipline of the force, and the associated threat to mission accomplishment and national security, and pursuant to my authority as the Special Court Martial Convening Authority, military members assigned or attached to 2d Engineer Brigade are ordered not to inhale, smoke, chew, consume, or introduce into the body in any manner intoxicating substances, other than alcohol, caffeine, tobacco or lawfully-used prescribed medications.
- 3. All 2d Engineer Brigade military members are hereby prohibited from engaging in the following activities.
- a. Possessing, distributing, inhaling, smoking, chewing, consuming, or introducing into the body in any manner Salvia Divinorum, Salvinorin A, or the intoxicant "spice" in any form (see enclosure 1 for a non-inclusive list of substances and derivatives);
- b. Inhaling household chemicals and other chemical inhalants for the purpose of becoming intoxicated, high, altering mood or function, or achieving a psychoactive effect.
- c. Abusing over-the-counter nonprescription medications for the purpose of becoming intoxicated, high, altering the mood or functions, or achieving a psychoactive effect.
- d. This order does not apply to lawfully-used prescription medications or over-the counter medications used according to stated directions. The attached "Background Information Sheet," a part of this order, provides further clarifying information.
- 4. This order applies to all military members assigned to the 2d Engineer Brigade, active duty personnel on temporary duty, and mobilized National Guard members assigned or attached within 2d Engineer Brigade.

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- 5. Failure to obey this general order constitutes a violation of Article 92, Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ), and may result in disciplinary or administrative action. These actions include, but are not limited to, trial by military court-martial, nonjudicial punishment under Article 15, UCMJ, reprimand, admonishment, administrative demotion, security clearance revocation, and involuntary separation with an adverse characterization of service attending the discharge. This order remains in effect until rescinded.
- 6. The point of contact for this memorandum policy is the Brigade Legal Office, (907) 384-0651.

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1. Non-inclusive substance list

2. Background information sheet

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2d Engineer Brigade Command Teams